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Attorney General John Ashcroft
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my thoughts on the government's anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft, a case that I have disagreed with since Day One. This matter is one that never should have been pursued, and I am glad that the two sides have agreed on a settlement. I want to ask that you please accept the terms of their agreement.

Microsoft should be allowed to spend its time making products that will help the technology industry, rather than spending it on this unnecessary litigation. Settling now will be beneficial to independent companies, because Microsoft has offered to share information with its competitors. This seems more than reasonable, and I do not want to see this case dragged out any longer than it already has been.

The Justice Department you run made the right decision when it decided to end this litigation, and I hope you will make the right choice by supporting the Justice Department's settlement.

Sincerely,



David Skinn